



# **NEWS ADVISORY**

## **County of Los Angeles**

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## **AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS – BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**March 19, 2002, 9:30 a.m.**

Updated information presented on fiscal projections and strategic plan for Department of Health Services. Public hearing conducted on proposed reduction of services at High Desert Hospital in Lancaster, and Northeast (Los Angeles), Compton, Paramount and Burbank Health Centers. (Item S2 and 1&2 of Budget Committee as Whole – 11 a.m.)

\$2 million loan proposed to build 40 apartments and 96-unit rental complex in Signal Hill. (Item 2D)

Supervisor Gloria Molina seeks approval of ordinance to protect consumers from deceptive advertising by requiring stores to post their convictions in a visible area near entrance. (Items 4 & 79)

Board considers \$2 million appropriation to maintain mental health services to welfare recipients participating in the CalWORKS program. Mental Health Department also asked to prepare plan how it expects to manage with reduced funding in 2002-03. (Item 6, continued from March 12)

Supervisor Don Knabe requests support of Assembly Joint Resolution 31 (Thomson and Cardoza), which asks the President and Congress to provide funding to states and local governments to protect residents from terrorism. (Item 12)

Board considers five-year concession agreements for vending machines, with County to receive \$225,000 cash bonus and estimated \$770,000 in commission payments. (Item 17)

Appointment of new chief deputy director proposed for Department of Children and Family Services. (Item 20)

Department of Health Services seeks approval of \$180,000 outreach and education program on illegal prescription medications. (Item 38)

Department of Parks and Recreation requests approval to seek state funding for four projects: Whittier Narrows Nature Center trail and enhancement project, \$136,000; Placerita Canyon Natural Area improvement project, \$137,000; Vasquez Rocks Trail project, \$56,000; and Cold Creek Riparian project, \$339,950. (Item 41)

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Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky proposes to allow Office of Education to continue providing job training and career planning services to welfare recipients instead of accepting proposal to let private company (Maximus) take over part of the program. (Item 42)

Supervisors consider approving \$1.1 million Altadena Community Center project, and setting April 16 as the date to open bids. (Item 45)

Proposal presented to reject all bids on \$3.7 million Jesse Owens County Park renovation project, and set new bid opening for April 16. (Item 46)

Board considers ordinance which permits grand jurors to collect per diem without first reporting to the downtown courthouse, and establishes mileage reimbursement at same rate as paid Superior Court employees. (Item 80)

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